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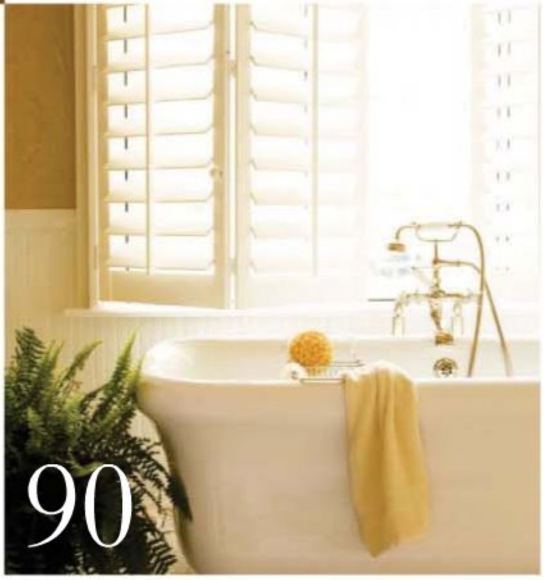


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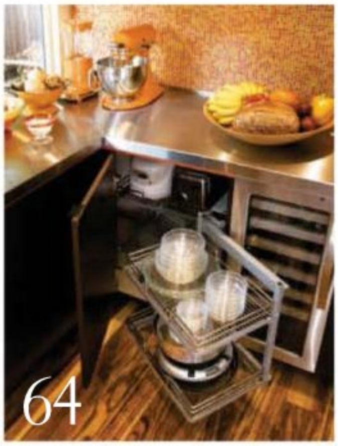
Once the vegetables have achieved a critical mass—I know that's happened when I can't find a spot to drop the mail without an heirloom sweet potato hitting the floor—it's time to get to work. Piece by piece, the still life tableau meets the cutting board and then the stew pot or roasting pan.

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For this issue, we've collected kitchens that have been specifically designed with cooking and entertaining in mind. I hope you discover inspiring ideas for your own kitchen in these pages.

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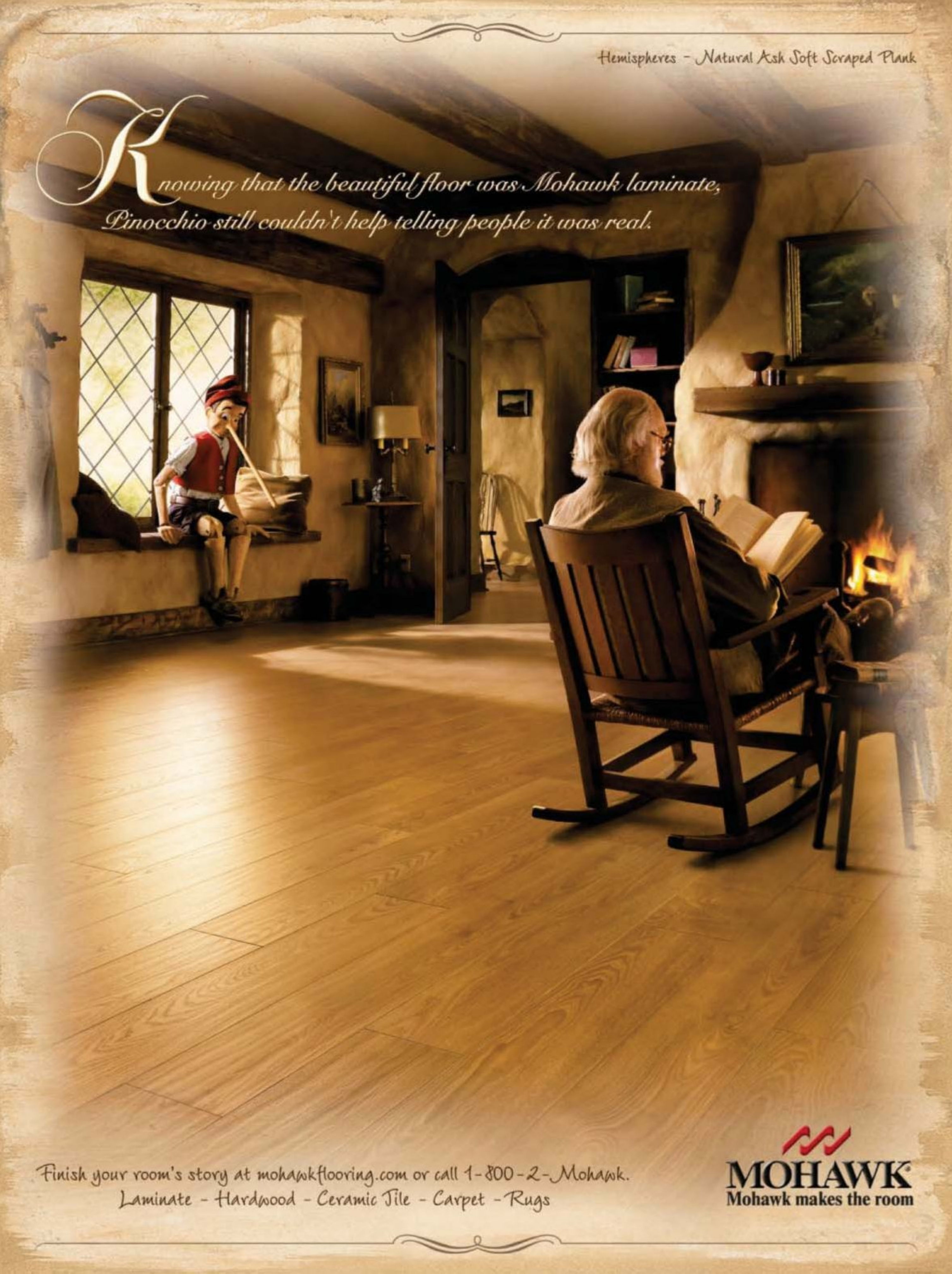
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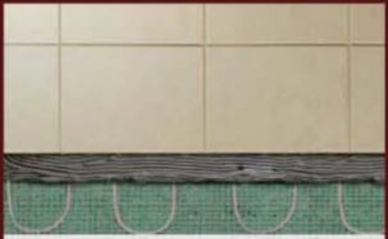

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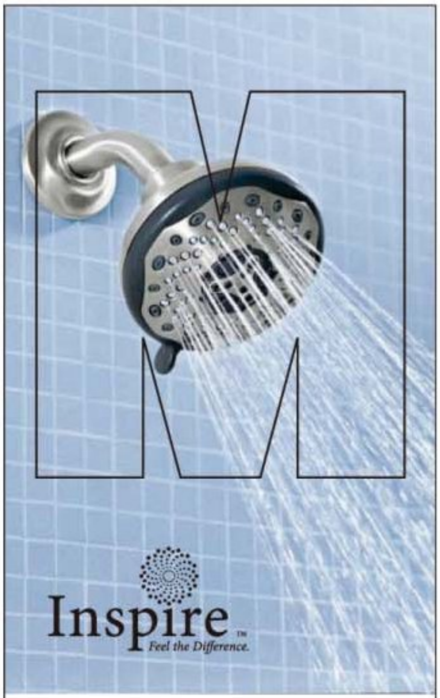


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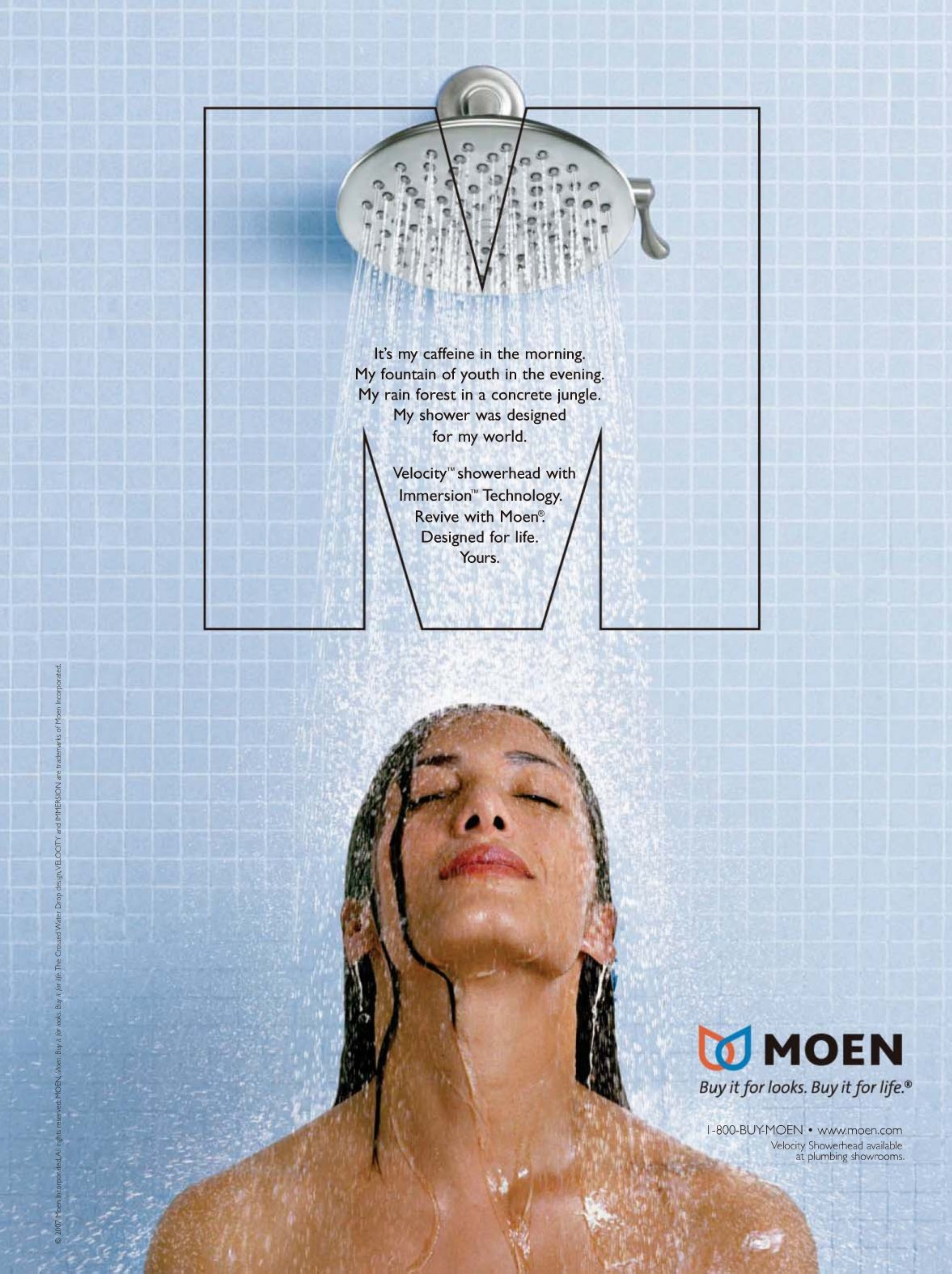

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## The kitchen and bath must-haves that top these designers' lists

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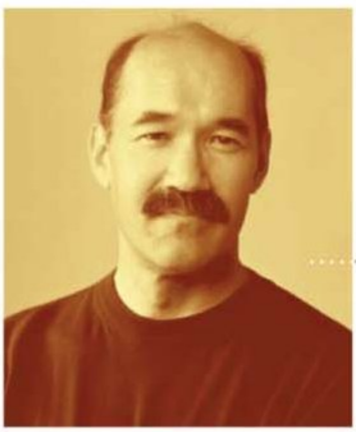

### SCOTT STULTZ

**Designer, owner of Scott A. Stultz & Associates, Marietta, Pennsylvania**

For the kitchen, Stultz's recommendation is quite basic: A stainless steel sink. "It's resilient, durable and maintenance-free," he says. "Above everything else, your sink should be practical." For the bath, he's willing to cede a bit of practicality for pure relaxation. "I really recommend a Japanese soaking tub," he says. "You can't rush in one of these tubs—it slows the pace of your life down for just a minute, which is nice."

### LAURA BOHN

**Interior designer and owner of Laura Bohn Design Associates, New York City**

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### MARTHA KERR

**Kitchen designer with Neil Kelly Company, Portland, Oregon**

"My number-one recommendation is to get factory-finished cabinets, versus having a painter finish them on the job site," Kerr says. Why? Because cabinets can be the hardest working thing in the kitchen or bathroom—to be long-lasting, they have to weather moisture, fingerprints, spills and constant handling. "The factory finish is stronger because it's applied under ideal conditions," Kerr says.

### HEIDI KARPA

**Host of original broadband content for HGTV.com's "KitchenDesign," Chicago**

"People are just going nuts with showers," Karpa says. She recommends taking a look at some of the new products out there, such as body sprays and waterfall showerheads. "I especially love the vertical rain bar," she says. "There is something for just about every budget—and most can attach to your existing plumbing, so it's easy to upgrade." ◆

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Amy Sedaris, author of *Hospitality Under the Influence* (Grand Central Publishing, 2006), is convinced there are only two things required for an exceptional evening: good music and great conversation. But she's all in favor of a little more in the way of decorations and dip. Here, she shares her favorite hostess secrets:

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### Amy's *Tips*

- Stick to fun, casual fare. Amy's must-haves include nuts, cheese, crackers, radishes (carved into interesting shapes), olives and a dip with toast points. "Chocolate is good to have around as well," she says.
- Avoid putting out food that requires a knife at a cocktail party. Keep the menu to finger foods so guests have less to juggle.
- Set out munchies on lots of colorful, small plates.
- Serve cocktails in a mix of delicate little glasses, chilled in the freezer first, instead of hard-to-balance Martini glasses. Amy's signature drink? "A Manhattan straight up with a cherry, of course!"
- "Be ready to refill before your guest has to ask," says Amy. "It's my golden rule of hosting."

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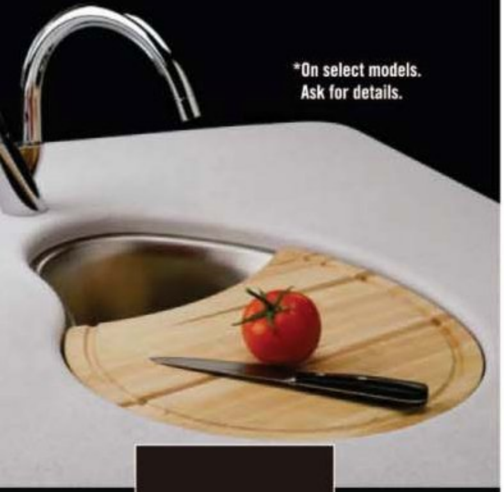

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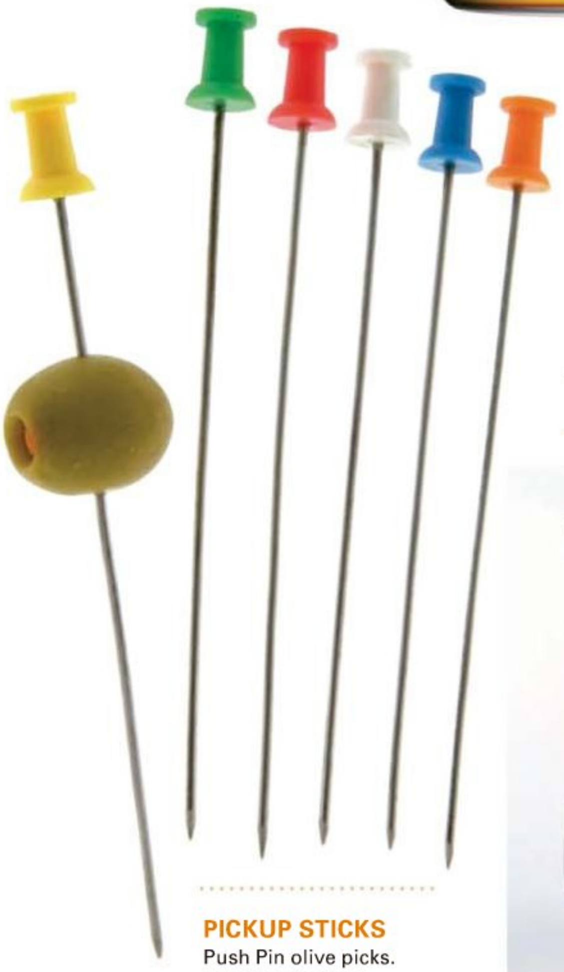

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# kitchen faucets

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There's probably nothing in your kitchen that's put to work more than your faucet. When it's time to choose a new one, base your search on your family's habits, says Judd Lord, director of industrial design for Delta Faucets. "Are you doing a lot of prep and cleanup or are you mostly washing hands and getting glasses of water?" says Lord. "These factors influence what product will suit your needs best."

## GET A GRIP

First consider the handle: a single lever versus two. Washing produce, filling pots and other common kitchen tasks make single-handle faucets popular since only one hand is needed to turn water on and off. "They also allow for a wider range of installation types. Depending on extras such as hot water taps or soap dispensers, single-control installations can range from four holes to a single hole that can deliver a very clean, undermount look," says Gary Uhl, director of design for American Standard.

The main benefit of two-handled faucets, according to Uhl, is that they allow for more precise temperature adjustments. "They also have a more traditional look," he says.

## CONTROL ISSUES

Spout design is important, too. According to Heather Novak, wholesale product manager for Moen, gooseneck styles with pull-down or pull-out spouts far outpace straight extension styles. "They provide better reach and clearance and can easily fill large pots," she says.

"Pull-down spray arms are also ergonomically sound," says Delta's Lord. Compared to separate vegetable sprays, "the grasping action is much

**HOT PICK**

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more natural as you pull the faucet into the work zone," he says. Separate sprays remain widely available. Regardless of the configuration you prefer, experts advise that you look for at least 20 to 24 inches of spray hose reach.

The ability to switch between spray and streaming water is still a standard option. Newer faucets now include features such as volume control and flow-pause buttons.

High-tech faucets are also arriving. "Recently we've seen faucets with some form of electronic functionality, including hands-free on/off activation, and adjustable limiters that ensure safe water temperatures," says Lord.

### THE RIGHT STUFF

"Modern kitchen faucets are made up of a wide range of materials," says Uhl. "For example, a plastic housing is perfect for side sprays or pullout spray spouts. It makes them lightweight and doesn't transfer heat to your hand. As a bonus, a plastic spray unit won't damage the sink if it's dropped." Similarly, heavy-duty woven nylon hoses are more durable than vinyl, and also won't conduct heat to the hand.

Faucet finishes today range from chrome to copper and oil-rubbed bronze. "Chrome is the most durable and cost-effective finish," says Uhl. Look for a model that has Physical Vapor Deposition (PVD) technology, which makes the finish an integral part of the base metal, not simply a coating, resulting in a faucet that resists tarnishes, scratches and corrosion.

### INSIDE JOB

The inner workings of your faucet play a key role in how well it lasts. "Brass is best for high-wear components such as spouts and valve bodies," Uhl says. "It's strong and durable and resists damage." Don't overlook the type of valve in your new faucet. There are four basic types, with the key differences relating to durability and ease of repair or replacement.

Compression valves utilize a washer or seal to control flow. They're the least expensive, and though prone to wearing out, are easy to fix.

Cartridge or washerless valves have a hollow, plastic-and-brass cartridge insert that uses no washers, springs or discs. They are generally long-lasting but are more costly to replace.

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Ceramic disc valves feature two fire-hardened ceramic discs that are highly resistant to debris and mineral buildups. They're also very durable, though their wear-free nature makes them more expensive than other valves.

### GO WITH THE FLOW-RATE

Saving water is a priority everyone is taking seriously these days. In mid-2006, the Environmental Protection Agency created the WaterSense program, a voluntary public-private partnership that certifies and promotes water-efficient products. You can find WaterSense labels on home and garden products that use at least 20 percent less water than their uncertified counterparts.

WaterSense does not yet certify kitchen faucets, but manufacturers are readying for the day when it does, says Uhl. "All kitchen faucets are limited by code to a maximum of 2.2 gallons per minute," he says. "Also, more faucets are designed with a single-control valve design that features temperature memory, so users can reduce the habit of running—and wasting—water as they search for the desired temperature."

**HOT PICK**
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## *good*

**$75 to $200**

At this price range, you'll find durable faucets, many in designs featuring two handles, as well as simple, uncomplicated styling. Finishes tend to be fairly traditional, too, emphasizing chrome and stainless steel. Pullout side sprays begin to become available at the upper end of the range, but few will have pullout spouts.

## *better*

**$200 to $320**

Single-handle designs begin to dominate, in ergonomically designed styles, many featuring high arching, gooseneck spouts. Models are available with and without side spray spouts, although as prices rise, you'll find greater functionality such as pullout spouts and filtering capabilities. You'll also be able to choose from a greater variety of finishes, such as bronze looks.

## *best*

**$320 to $600**

Single-control faucets featuring high-end designs and pullout spray spouts with multiple spray options lead the pack. Styles in this category are often coordinated with matching bar/prep faucets and accessories. Many single-hole design options are available, allowing for a variety of installation choices and flexibility for high-end stone and solid-surface countertops.

## *ultra*

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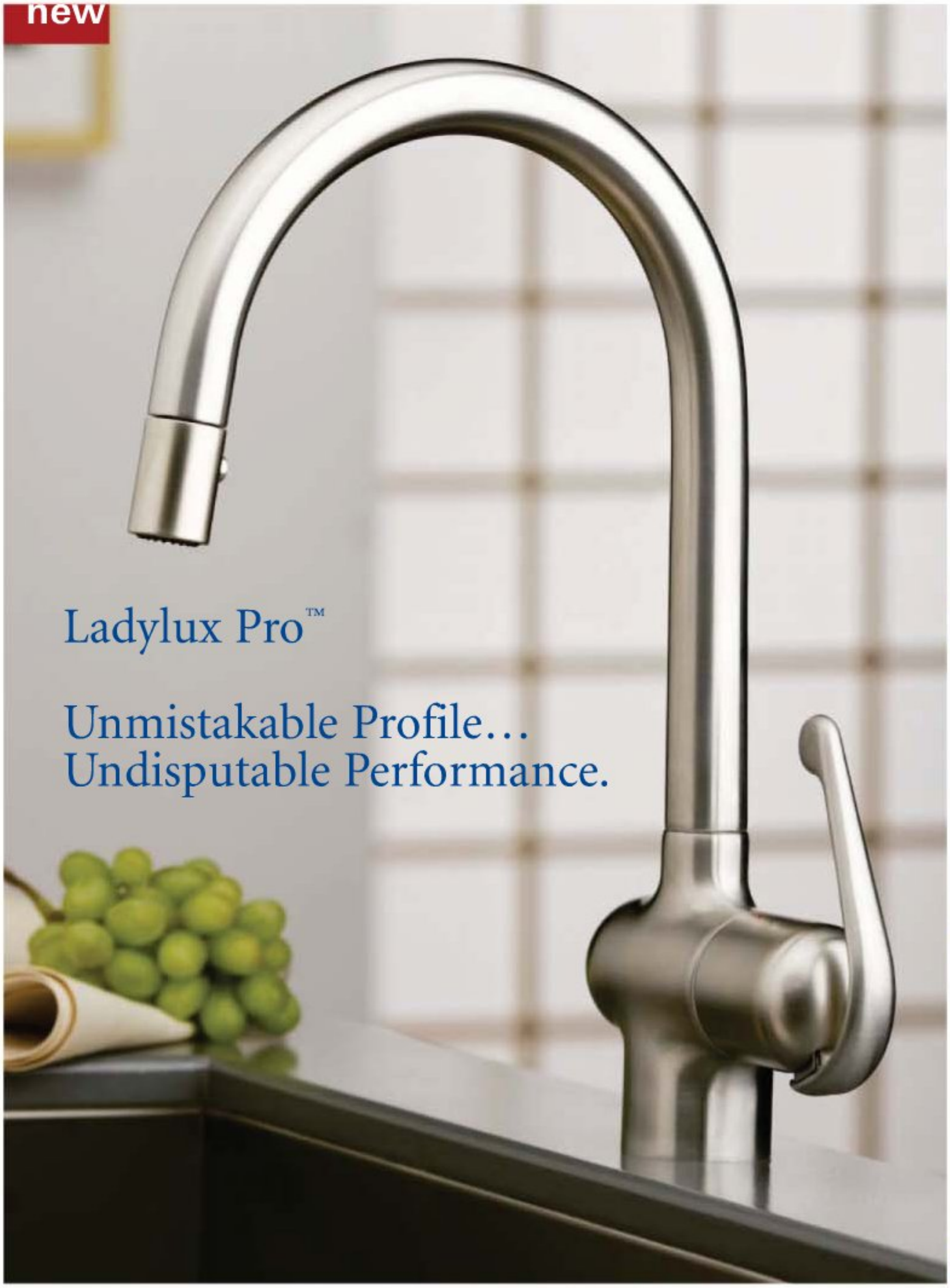

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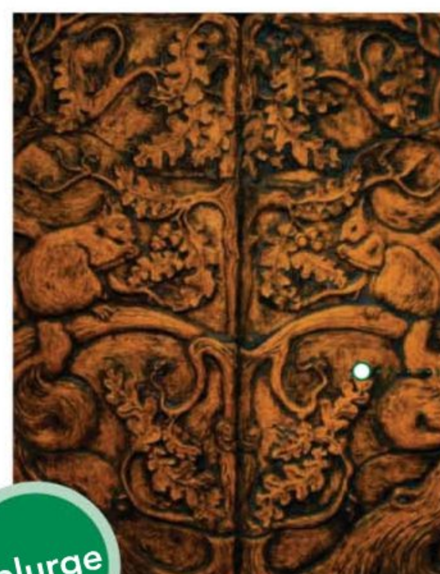

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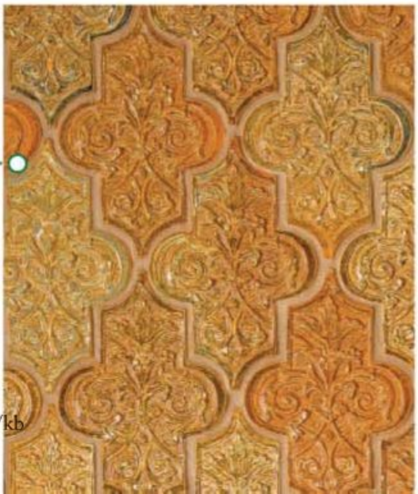

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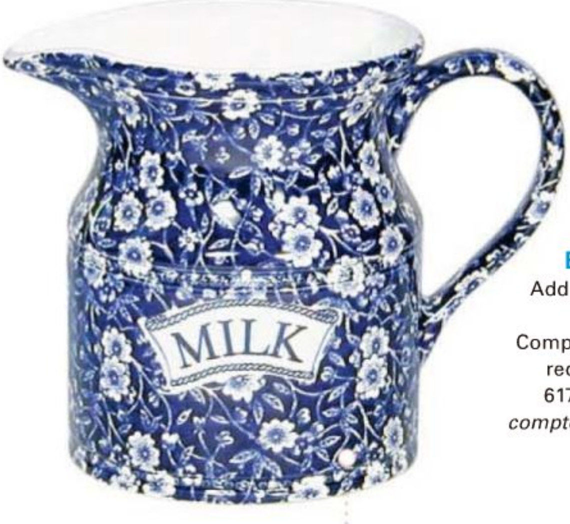


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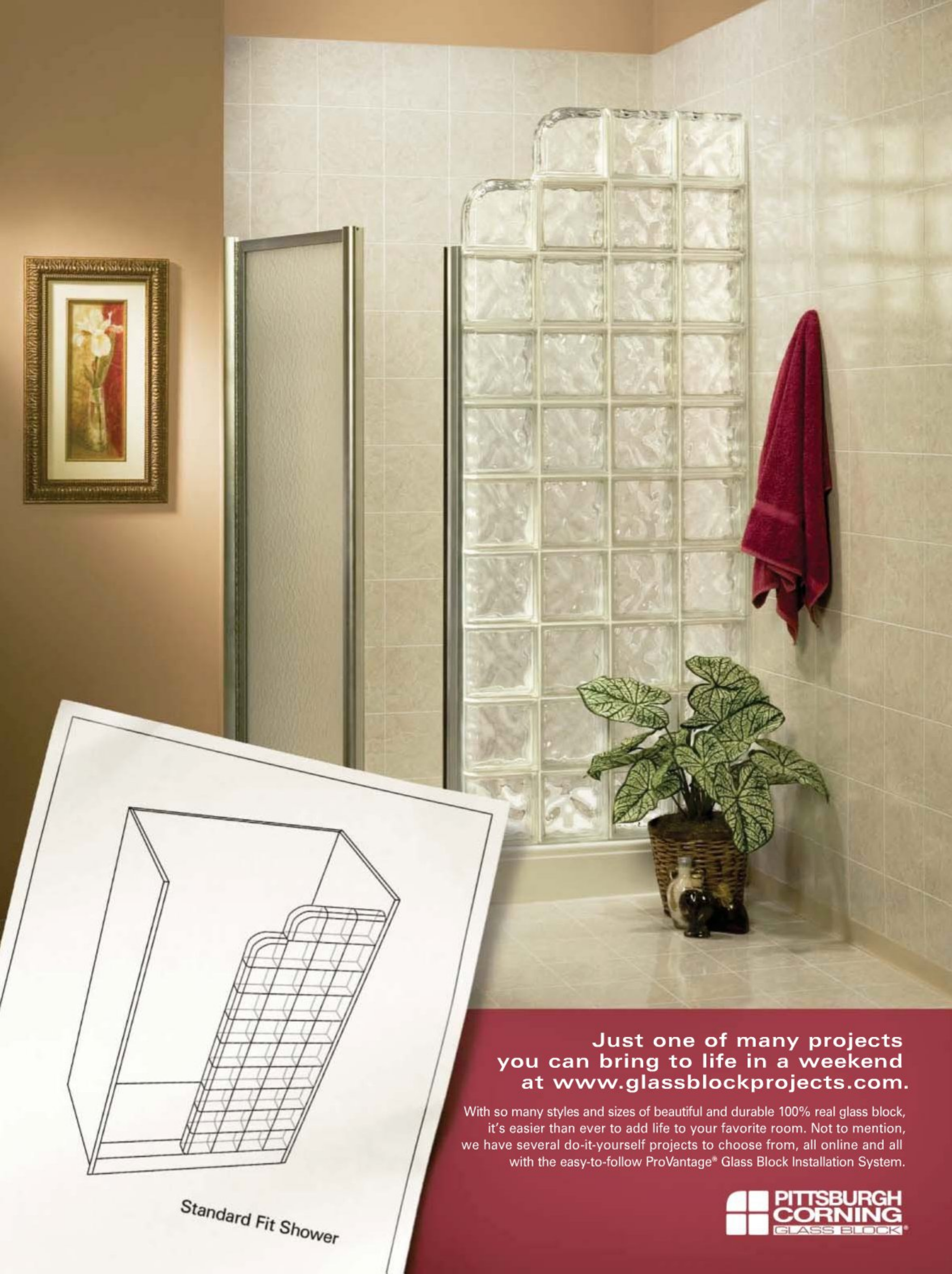
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## BATHS

1 **GRAB BARS ARE ESSENTIAL.** Add them now, before it's too late. "Grab bars are not ugly anymore," says Mary Jo Peterson, a kitchen and bath design consultant in Brookfield, Connecticut, who specializes in universal design. "If we find an attractive towel bar, we can match the grab bar to it." If needed, use 3/4-inch, marine-grade plywood to reinforce the drywall. Otherwise, be sure to attach the bar securely to studs.

2 **GET A REALLY BIG SHOWER.** Talk with a designer about expanding the shower and removing the threshold to eliminate the need to step up to get in. The design pro will have to tackle drainage issues, but the result will be a safer, more accessible shower.

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5 Create knee space at the vanity. With so many wall-hung sink options, providing room for a chair at a vanity can look rather spiffy. Alternately, you can install two vanities: one with sitting space and one at standing height.

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**6** Make faucets easy. Go with loop- and lever-handle faucets over crosses and knobs. They're easier to operate for people whose hands don't grip so well. When in doubt, only choose faucets you can turn on and off with a closed fist or an elbow.

### KITCHENS

7 **ORGANIZE.** It sounds rudimentary, but organization is at the core of accessibility. Make sure tools are stored where they will be used. "Very simply, to improve access, we need to organize things and put them within our reach," Peterson says.

8 **RACK 'EM UP.** Clever cabinet accessories put more stuff where you can get to it. Even if you're not replacing cabinets, you can retrofit with full-extension pull-out pantries, or add a unit for storing pots and pans (with lids) below the counter. You can also light cabinet interiors to make it easier to spot that can of olives among the crowd.

9 **THINK OFF THE WALL.** Reaching the top of wall cabinets can be a struggle for even average-height adults. Try losing the wall cabinets and beefing up base-cabinet drawers. Some drawer inserts allow you to secure dinner dishes with a series of movable pegs.

10 **CONTEMPLATE YOUR DISHWASHER.** If bending is difficult, make a dishwasher more accessible by elevating it 6 to 8 inches. For short people and wheelchair users, however, lower the sink and keep the dishwasher at standard height. Consider dishwasher drawers, too.

11 **STAGGER WORK SURFACES.** Countertops at different heights ensure everyone has a comfortable place to work. Try to incorporate at least one spot with room for a chair (32 inches is considered the best height), so someone who needs to can work while sitting. This arrangement will also accommodate a wheelchair.

12 **KEEP DOORWAYS WIDE.** An entry should be at least 32 inches wide from the frame to the door face when the door is open 90 degrees to allow a wheelchair to fit through it. (Also, go for minimal or no threshold to accommodate wheelchair users.) In addition, as with faucets, go for a lever door handle, which does not require gripping to turn. ◆

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◆ STACK SMART Nest plastic food storage containers by size from large to small, inside one another.

◆ HUNG UP Think vertical. A wall-mounted sheet of peg board with hooks can hold pots, pans and even utensils.

◆ TAKE STOCK Unused food items are a major cause of kitchen clutter. Clean out the refrigerator at least once a week, your freezer every month. Go through the pantry every month or two to remind yourself what staples you have on hand.

◆ SORT STORY If your pantry is in disarray, group food items by category: canned goods, condiments, cereals. If necessary, break a group into separate categories, such as cereals into hot and cold varieties.

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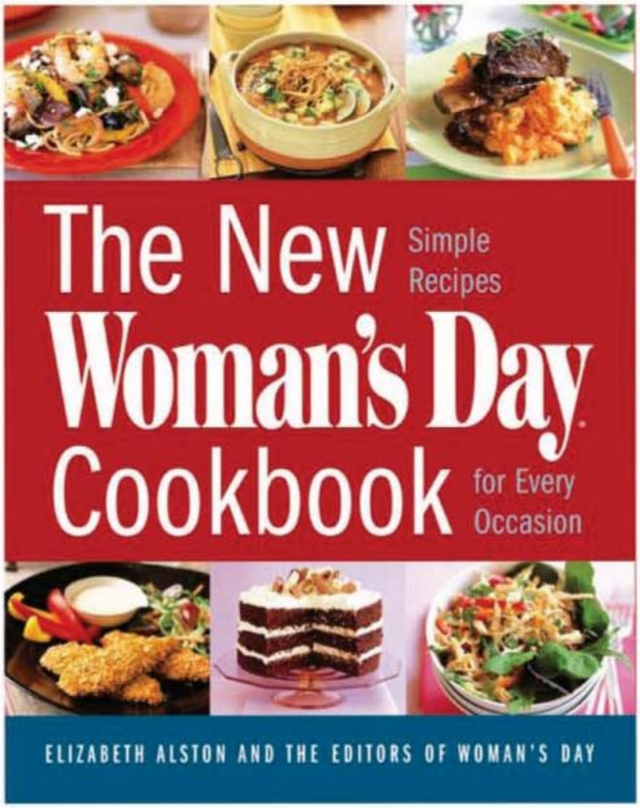


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**ABOVE: A powerful range that can cook for crowds is great, but a warming drawer is the ideal party appliance.**

Although just about every kitchen is a hive of daily activity, some owners turn theirs into hubs for entertaining family and friends. Creating a kitchen that's well suited to frequent socializing involves factoring in a lot of food, a lot of people and an especially welcoming environment.

When planning a kitchen for guests, gathering and serving spots are key. These are often, but not always, the same places, and they frequently involve islands.

"I either opt for one large island or two smaller islands," says David Stimmel, of Stimmel Consulting Group, in Ambler, Pennsylvania. "A multi-island layout gives people different destinations in a room, rather than just congregating around the sink or the stove."

What makes islands so ideal for entertaining is that they're mostly countertop, which means the host can present platters of food, and guests have a place to rest their drinks as they chow down. The island can be one continuous plateau of counter, or it can have multiple levels; a section of countertop raised to

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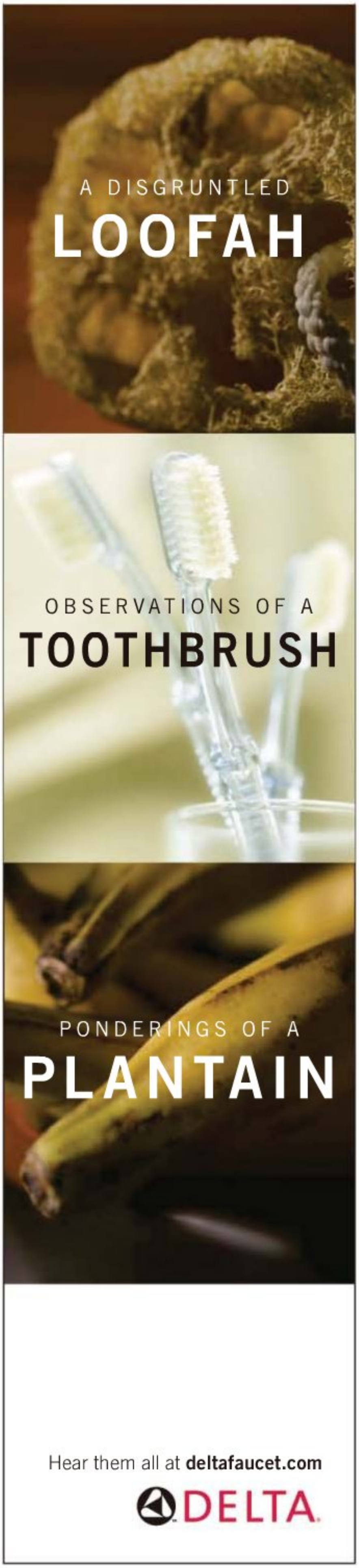
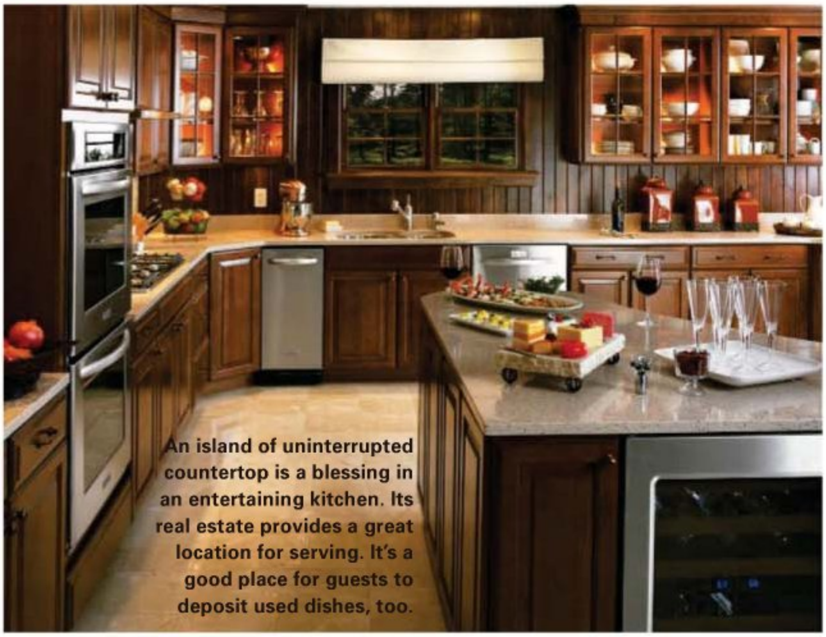



# WISH LIST: ENTERTAINING KITCHEN



An island of uninterrupted countertop is a blessing in an entertaining kitchen. Its real estate provides a great location for serving. It's a good place for guests to deposit used dishes, too.

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42 inches will permit guests to sit on bar stools and chat. "It gives you that pub feel," says Diane Gewirtz, of Interiors by Diane, in Chesaning, Michigan. "If you have a huge area, the island can even be three levels."

Speaking of bar stools, where guests sit—and stand—is another consideration. "You definitely want to have seating options, not just people perched at the island," Stimmel says. "Some people could sit around a table, for example. Then again, you don't want to fill the room with furniture; you do want some standing room."

You'll also need extra storage, and not just for all that additional food. "Usually, if you like to cook and entertain, you own a lot of pots and pans," says Gewirtz. Naturally, frequent party throwers also have more dishes, serving pieces and stemware.

The top priority for storage in homes where guests visit regularly is accessibility. This means cabinets fitted with rollouts and pull-out pantries, which "let you get to the food or a pot or pan fast. You don't want to be rude, so all of these things need to be at your fingertips," Stimmel says.

## PERFORMANCE COUNTS

To prepare food for crowds, appliances should be powerful, large and, maybe, doubled up. "I recommend, when the budget allows, multiple warming drawers so hors d'oeuvres and meals can be staged," says Stimmel. "Also, a second refrigerator is important. It doesn't necessarily have to be for

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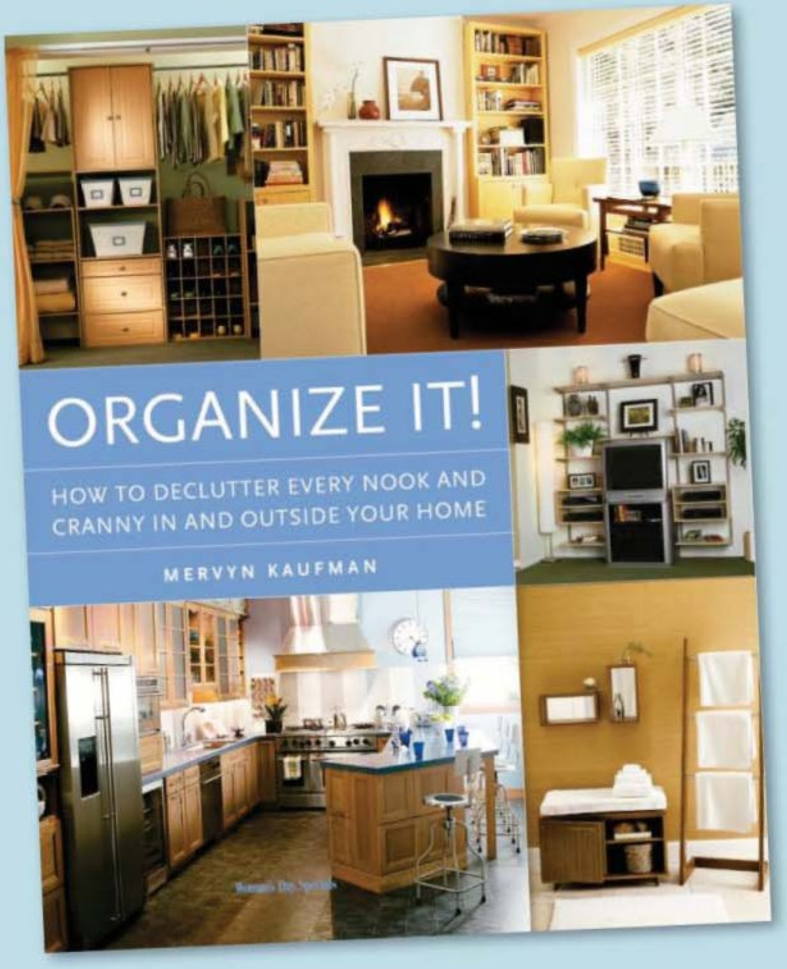


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**RIGHT:** Islands are almost indispensable in kitchens designed for entertaining. With this multi-level installation, guests can hunker down on stools behind the higher countertop and chat with the host while the meal is prepared.

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beverages, but for holding hors d'oeuvres and organizing fresh ingredients so that meal prep is efficient."

Keeping all the dishes clean during parties may entail adding yet another appliance. "Some homeowners may want more than one dishwasher so they can stay ahead of the demand for clean plates," Stimmel says. The mess factor also plays into Stimmel's sink preference. "I like a large, deep sink for frequent hosts, because if they fall behind with the dish traffic, a large basin allows them to leave a lot of the mess in the bottom of the sink so it's not as visible."

You can cut down on kitchen noise by planning ventilation wisely, Stimmel says. "If people entertain a lot," he says, "I recommend an external blower so that the sound of the fan is outside the house, not in the room." This prevents guests from having to shout over the din of the exhaust.

### SETTING THE SCENE

Just because a kitchen can handle food for a horde doesn't make it a great entertaining kitchen. To clear that hurdle, a space has to offer visitors a comforting experience, one that makes them feel like they want to come back. This involves both practical and aesthetic decisions. Of course, the kitchen needs to look great, because as Gewirtz says, "Most of the time, if they have a kitchen for entertaining, it's open to the rest of the house. This could mean that cabinets look like furniture, like they could be placed into a living room or a great room. I create a lot of detail with moldings, and that can really enhance the wow factor."

"I like to have artwork in the kitchen," Stimmel says. "Adding framed prints, photographs or paintings give the room the ambience of a fine restaurant or even just the feel of it being a room other than the kitchen." ◆

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# improving work zones

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**BEFORE: While the range had counter space on each side, it was isolated from the other work areas.**

**AFTER: Gold-toned granite countertops and a textured backsplash with diagonal 4×4-inch off-white ceramic tiles add warmth to the new kitchen.**

## 1 cooking for two

With both of their children now in college, a couple in Columbus, Ohio, decided the time was right to upgrade their tiny, closed-off kitchen. Wanting a more functional space that would allow them to whip up gourmet meals together, the couple turned to Ron Landis, president of the design/build firm R.J. Landis Design & Construction, of Worthington, Ohio. Moving the work triangle—the sink, range and refrigerator—was an important change. A pro-style, duel-fuel range now sits under the kitchen window, with an upgraded farmhouse sink in the old range's spot. The room's small size allowed Landis to place the new side-by-side stainless steel refrigerator on the opposite wall but only a few steps away. "We were able to take an old kitchen that had been remodeled inadequately through the years and make it into a modern, extremely efficient space," says Landis.

### IN THE DETAILS

- **ARCHWAY** A large open archway now visually connects the kitchen to the adjacent dining room. The kitchen counter extends through the arch to create a bar on the dining room side. "Now the couple has a place to enjoy casual meals," says Landis.
- **MICROWAVE** Located under the counter between the range and sink, the built-in, drawer-style microwave conveniently loads from the top.
- **CABINETS** Eliminating a doorway created more wall space for cabinets. The upgraded, traditional-style maple cabinets feature crown molding, simple pewter hardware and a rich mocha glaze. Built-in pantry cabinets on each side of the refrigerator provide storage for pasta, cereals and other dry goods.
- **FLOORING** Landis replaced "about six layers of linoleum" with an oak floor. Its natural finish blends with the wood floors used in the adjoining dining room and other areas of the home.

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# 2 center of attention

Wanting their 247-square-foot kitchen to be more functional and more inviting, Camilla Madson and Stephen Obaid, of Edina, Minnesota, asked Robert Gerloff, AIA, and his associate, Jeremiah Battles, AIA, now with J.B. Residential Architecture in Minneapolis, to help. They decided to play up the horizontal lines of the home's architecture and make an oval island with a mirrored, oval-shaped soffit above the focal point of the room. "The island is more practical than a wide open space," says Battles. "Before, they had to walk eight feet across the kitchen to get from one counter to another." Removing the peninsula made space for a breakfast table and window seat with built-in storage. Moving the refrigerator and other appliances made the kitchen more user-friendly. "It seems so much larger because everything is open," says Battles.

**BEFORE: The old kitchen featured pickled-plywood cabinetry and a U-shape design that wasted space.**

**AFTER: The improved layout gives the owners seating at the new island, nearby breakfast table and cozy window seat.**

## IN THE DETAILS

- **APPLIANCES** The kitchen was outfitted with all new appliances, including a panel-front refrigerator ("We wanted the focus on the island," says Battles) that blends with the surrounding cabinetry. The refrigerator, cooktop and kitchen sink are all conveniently accessible from the work side of the island.
- **COUNTERS** The deep red solid-surface counters were chosen for both aesthetic and practical reasons. "It's better to look at a dark surface when you're working," says Battles. The material was used for both the island and perimeter counters because, "too many materials in a space becomes complicated," says Battles.
- **LIGHTING** The kitchen's detailed lighting design includes low-voltage fixtures set into the soffit, halogen lights mounted over the counters and decorative pendants positioned over the island. Layering the light sources gives the owners lots of flexibility. →

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**BEFORE:** Inadequate lighting, an old tile floor and tile countertops with dark grout lines made the 1970s kitchen feel cold and uninviting.

**AFTER:** Replacing an old slider window over the sink with a less obtrusive awning-style model improved the view of the yard beyond.

# 3 stretching things out

When Brian White and his partner, Jim Imper, decided to remodel the 210-square-foot kitchen in their two-story Mountain View, California, home, they focused on creating a more functional room. "We knew we didn't have enough counter space," says Brian. To help them improve the space, they hired Lisa Sten, a senior designer with Harrell Remodeling of Mountain View. The key was adding a center island and separate bar that gave Brian and Jim plenty of room to prepare meals and interact with guests. Moving one wall of the kitchen forward four feet allowed space for more cabinets, a 36-inch-wide glass cooktop and a stainless steel refrigerator. "The refrigerator is now closer to the garage, so they don't have to drag groceries as far," says Sten. Upgrades including two convection ovens and a prefinished mahogany floor bring this kitchen to the next level. "It's much more inviting," says Brian. ◆

## IN THE DETAILS

- **BACKSPLASH** An earth-tone porcelain tile with green accents and bronze inserts was chosen for the backsplash. A special finishing technology gives the tile dimension. The same tile in a different shade of the same color was used for the home's front entry.
- **CABINETS** Clear alder cabinets with a chocolate glaze adds richness to the kitchen. A built-in pantry to the right of the refrigerator has five drawers for storing baked goods, breakfast items and dry pastas.
- **WALL COLOR** A pale yellow color was chosen for the walls of the kitchen. "For me, it was just about avoiding anything white," says Brian. "It's a nice, soft color that complements the other details of the kitchen."



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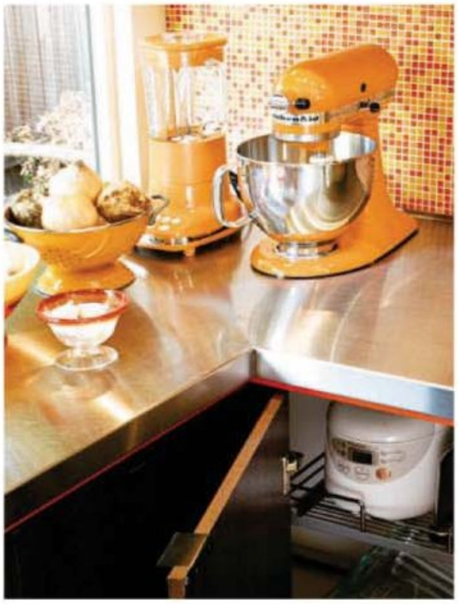

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Neutral stainless steel countertops mingle with earth tones, including the red, yellow and orange glass tiles on the backsplash. The exhaust hood over the built-in cooktop has a railed shelf that holds condiments, utensils "and even my car keys and cell phone," says chef David Gingrass.

# DU JOUR

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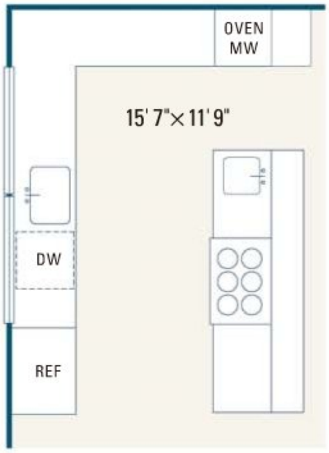
LEFT: Storage add-ons are plentiful in all the kitchen cabinets. Swing-out shelving in the corner provides access to mixing bowls, baking dishes and some small appliances. Also shown here is the zebra wood floor—with its dark, heavy grain—which the homeowner laid down after ripping out the old kitchen's vinyl floor.

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ABOVE: To get the open space he wanted, David took down walls and got rid of the pantry. Having done that, he arranged everything so that he, a chef, could cook easily in the new kitchen.

Shag carpeting, a sunken living room, ceilings textured like cottage cheese—these eyesore hallmarks of 1970s design didn't deter David Gingrass, who was confident he could turn this 1,500-square-foot house, in Napa, California, into something befitting modern times. David, chef-owner of the San Francisco restaurant Two, proved to be just as skillful in the workshop as he is at the range. Doing most of the renovation himself, he created a residence that more than meets his personal and professional needs.

Down came interior walls, as rooms were reordered and the place took on the characteristics of a contemporary ranch house: open spaces, large light-admitting windows, easy outdoor access. David even removed closets, jettisoning a pantry and a space that had contained the washer/dryer. He says no pantry was needed; he never uses packaged or prepared foods. And he found a place



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This table serves as a place for guests to gather when Gingrass is preparing food or cleaning up. The benches at the ends ease visual clutter and seat extra visitors.

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### CHEF CONCERNS

A high-powered range is just one ingredient in a restaurant-style kitchen. Here's what makes this residential space work for an actual professional chef:

**GOOD THINGS COME IN TWOS** The kitchen has two sinks—one for cooking and one for pot washing and cleaning up (shown, right). Gingrass also stacked two wall ovens below the microwave on one wall (below right), and the cooktop on the island features two large, high-powered burners.

**RESTAURANT STYLE, HOME FIT** The giant two-door refrigerator looks commercial and contains a vast amount of storage, but its 22-inch depth is designed specifically for a residential kitchen.

**STEELING HOME** Generous use of stainless steel countertops (right and below left) makes clean-up chores a breeze. Large butcher-block boards handle chopping and other food-prep duties.

**A PLACE FOR EVERYTHING** Drawer dividers keep kitchen tools organized. This split-level insert (below left) makes maximum use of the drawer depth.

**OPPOSITE: Now that the kitchen is wide open, it's become a performing space of sorts, a place to wow guests with tasty food. As such, the modest style satisfies without distracting from the menu.**

RIGHT: Chef David Gingrass can now ply his trade at home with the ease and convenience found in his restaurant kitchen.

LEFT: With the dining table just steps away from the cooking island, guests enjoy not only freshly made meals, but also a close-up view of their preparation.

for his laundry appliances in a corner of the attached garage.

David wanted his kitchen to be a kind of dining theater, a place to entertain as well as work. Two walls were removed, opening the space up to the foyer and the adjacent dining room. At 120 square feet, the new kitchen, he says, "is roughly the size of the old one and in the same general part of the house, but it bears no resemblance to what had been there before."

Its amenities are state-of-the-art but less than lavish, somewhat surprising considering this is the realm of a professional chef. Two ovens and a microwave are built into one wall; a six-burner cooktop resides in the island; and a dishwasher sits next to a large undermount sink on a wall where a frameless window doubles as a backsplash. The only visual indication that this is the domain of a professional is the restaurant-style refrigerator-freezer.

Custom cabinets are made of wenge, an imported hardwood. Above the window, a row of wall cabinets has acrylic insets in the doors. "White linen was fused into the resin to add a textural element," David says. "I wanted dark wood for the cabinets, but not too much of it. Having those translucent door panels lightens things up." Other contrasts include stainless steel countertops as well as appliances, plus a center island made of medium-density fiberboard that's been given a reddish orange lacquer finish. Over and above the wipeable surfaces, the abundant light and the inviting open-space plan, the single most important amenity, David says, is "maximum flexibility." And this kitchen certainly has it. ◆

MARESCHAL

Jan Treese's treasured French butcher-block has a place of honor at the tip of the island. Her collection of copper cookware hangs from a rack suspended from a ceiling joist.

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# country spread

## THIS HIGH-PERFORMANCE KITCHEN IS DESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE A CROWD

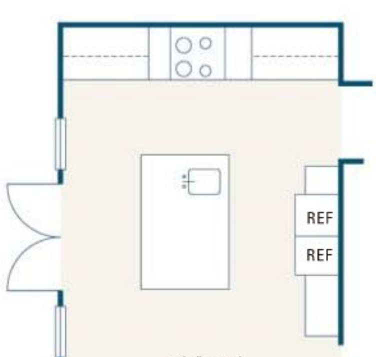
It was a chance encounter—but not a brief one. New Englanders Jan and Roger Treese had rented a vacation house on Lady's Island, just across the Intracoastal Waterway from Beaufort, South Carolina. The house, which they loved, was designed and built by Charles Ferguson, of the Meridian Company in Beaufort, who happened to be a neighbor. Soon the Fergusons and the Treeses were fast friends. When Jan and Roger decided to settle in the Carolina Low Country, they bought land along the waterway and naturally turned to Ferguson and his design/build firm for guidance.

Jan and Roger were clear on what, in general, they wanted: a traditional house with some period details that reflected its Southern location. Their way of doing research was a far cry from spending long hours in the public library. "They were moving their boat south from Connecticut," Ferguson recalls. "So my

**LEFT:** On the guest side of the island, beneath the granite top, is a wine cooler and four vegetable storage baskets that tuck into roll-out steel shelving. The island's ball feet mimic those on the butcher-block.

**OPPOSITE:** The cook's side of the island contains a wine cooler and two dishwasher drawers. French doors admit light and provide access to one of the house's many porches.

wife and I flew up to join them. From Norfolk, Virginia, southward along the waterway, we noted every house on the shore for ideas. By the time we reached Beaufort, we essentially had the house designed." Because Jan was a trained chef who would conduct French cooking classes, much thought was given to the kitchen.




**RIGHT:** In the plan, the kitchen and adjoining pantry occupy one end of the waterside house. Wide doorways open the kitchen to the dining and living rooms.

"For protection from fire, the traditional Southern kitchen with its wood-burning stove was always kept separate from the main house," Ferguson explains. In a nod to that tradition, he and the Treeses placed their two-story, 300-square-foot kitchen at one end of the structure, with the rest of the house attached to it. Once they had the design ideas roughed out, their sketches were turned over to Christian Trask, of Distant Island Company in Beaufort, who added a few creative touches before producing the working plans.

An antique Parisian butcher-block that Jan treasured became the inspiration for at least one of the details that ultimately appeared in her kitchen. Its tapered legs and ball feet were repeated on the 5×8-foot work island where Jan would prepare meals and also preside over her cooking classes. Cabinets were custom made by the Meridian Company in a simple

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AMERICAN RANGE
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**OPPOSITE: Designer Charles Ferguson's firm built the wall cabinets for dinnerware storage. An air barrier separates stainless steel base cabinets from the high-heat producing commercial range.**

Shaker style. "The carcasses are poplar, and the doors are mahogany," says the designer. "Glass-fronted wall cabinets were included so that all of their contents would be visually accessible."

The flooring in the room is unique. It's structural flooring salvaged from an old Massachusetts mill that was being torn down. As Ferguson points out, "Each fir plank is four inches thick. That's why there are no floor joists in this house. It's built over steel I-beams. And the ceiling joists you see in the kitchen are lengths of fir flooring as well. The finish is natural, the wood just coated with polyurethane."

Because of the professional as well as familial demands on her cooking skills, Jan wanted her kitchen to accommodate commercial appliances. This presented a challenge, for, as Ferguson points out, "True commercial appliances don't have adequate insulation to meet the noncombustible requirements of residences." To accommodate her and also comply with local codes, Ferguson placed stainless steel cabinets alongside the appliances and installed an exhaust hood with tremendous pulling power.

With a 47-cubic-foot refrigerator, an eight-burner commercial range with 35,000-Btu capacity, plus wide counters, a work island with its own sink and, of course, the antique butcher-block she brought from Connecticut, the kitchen fulfilled Jan's own heart's desire. But what about Roger? The siting of the house was what captivated him. "From the street," says Ferguson, "you can see through the glass front door all the way to the center line of the boat dock." That was Roger's dream. ◆

## *design* points

### MADE FOR A PRO

Jan Treese's flexibly designed kitchen is as useful when she's preparing a family meal as when she's teaching a class. Storage capacity is key, as is having what she needs as close to her fingertips as possible. Shown here, clockwise from right, cooking utensils and cutlery stand upright in a deep divided drawer custom made to her specifications; a pasta press mounted at one corner of the granite-topped island is perfectly placed so that Jan and her students can crank out fresh pasta; the stainless steel sink undermounted at one end of the work island is big enough for Jan to spray-wash fresh vegetables and fruit and also hand-wash cookware for her classes; pullout racks in the wine cooler keep bottles organized and handy.

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# GRACE UNDER

# PRESSURE

## A DOWN-TO-EARTH KITCHEN ENDURES THE DAILY GRIND WITH TIMELESS STYLE

The family profile may ring a bell: a couple who like to cook and dine in style; two rambunctious kids and a lumbering, lovable black Labrador with a heart as wild as her tail. Their kitchen had to be handsome and able to withstand a daily beating in stride.

This 315-square-foot room, which features white marble countertops, handcrafted ceramic tile backsplashes, pegged-oak flooring and classic custom cabinets, reflects not only the architectural style befitting a pastoral Massachusetts setting, but the lifestyle of its vibrant occupants. "I designed the kitchen so it not only looks good, but we actually could use it," says Karen, the wife. "For instance, we know that marble stains. But my husband pointed out that all the bistros we've seen in France have marble-topped tables, and they look fine. So we selected honed marble for the counters. Any marks on them are not as noticeable as they might be on a polished stone."

Furniture-like cabinets contribute to the traditional look, but functionality still reigns:

**The island provides a clear divide in this spacious family kitchen. The kids have plenty of space for crafts or homework on one side while the parents prepare meals on the other side.**

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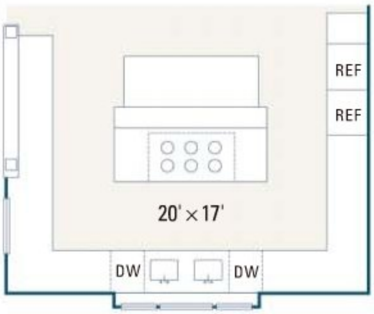
The finish, hand-painted in historically accurate hues, was chosen primarily because it is easy to touch up. Treasured antiques, including a collection of cookie cutters, are placed safely beyond the reach of little hands, either in glass-fronted cabinets or along the wide lip of the ceiling-mounted ventilation hood.

The island stands at the center of this cheery space, definitively divided down the middle—one side for the children, and one side for the chef, so homework and meals can be done in tandem.

Cooking and cleanup in the space is a snap, thanks to the intelligent arrangement of pro-caliber appliances. The 60-inch range, which has a double oven, is located on the island, just steps away from the refrigerator and the stand-alone freezer. A pair of dishwashers, along with three deep stainless steel sinks, embodies efficiency. A sandwich station, complete with a wooden chopping-block counter and its own sink, is ideal for making school lunches. "I like things to be functional," Karen says. "Yes, there are knife nicks on the counter, but that's what it's made for."

Whether the guests are grown-ups or tiny tots, this kitchen always plays the perfect host, putting everyone at ease and everything in its proper place. ◆




**ABOVE: The massive range in the island and a preponderance of sinks makes this roomy, straightforward kitchen plan a haven for multiple cooks.**

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

LEFT: Sure, everything looks nice now, but it's also intended to hold up over time. Marble countertops have a honed finish so that they don't show wear so easily. Similarly, the homeowners chose a cabinet finish that would be easy to touch up.

## *design* points

### MIXING THINGS UP IS A TIME-HONORED TRADITION

In traditional kitchens, multiple cabinet finishes and countertop materials are totally the right call, and here's why:

**TASK MASTERS** Traditional kitchens are for cooking, and a switch in countertop material can indicate a shift to a different task. In this kitchen, the wood countertop is for sandwich making.

**INSIDE ADDITION** If you consider the central conceit of traditional decor to be, "This room has looked like this for over a century, really," then a change in cabinet color could signify, "This is where they added a hutch 90 years ago." Never mind that everything is brand new.

Low benches slide under the island overhang when not in use, keeping appearances neat and the atmosphere chic. Sight lines to the adjoining living areas are also preserved—the better for keeping an eye on the kids.



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THIS WIDE OPEN KITCHEN IS A MAGNET FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

# ROOM TO FLOW

OPPOSITE: A composition of culinary efficiency: Heat-proof counters are within an arm's reach of the wall ovens, as is the island sink. A spirited mix of open and closed storage enlivens the wall.

It's easy to imagine this urbane space crawling with glitterati and fashionistas—its chic spareness and sophisticated fittings make it a glamorous backdrop, indeed. But, in fact, the room was originally designed with a different type of user in mind.

A couple with four growing children live in a two-story contemporary Prairie-style house in Calgary, Alberta. Its 250-square-foot L-shaped kitchen was designed by the mother. She sited the kitchen at the back of the house and combined it with the living room and dining room to create a large communal area. The end result is an open-plan interior that is easy on the eye as well as easy for kids and adults to navigate—important qualities for a heavy-traffic household.

"We always have a steady stream of guests. Our kids bring their friends home, and we host their parents, too," she says. "This kitchen is like one big entertainment area with three spaces, and I designed it so the living room furniture can be brought into the kitchen, if needed, for additional seating."

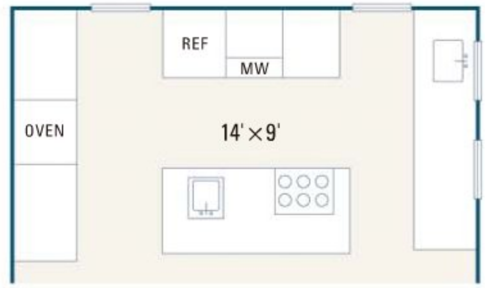
To make sure that the cook is always the life of the party, the island's prep area and cooktop face toward the living room and its double-sided fireplace. For larger, fair-weather gatherings, French doors on a windowed wall swing open, beckoning guests to mingle on the covered patio. "We just had a big make-your-own pizza party," she says. "Everyone moved comfortably around, just flowing with the floor plan."

A second sink, tucked onto a side wall, is convenient for cleanup, and its secluded position helps keeps dirty dishes out of sight. A similar function is performed at the island, where a stepped-up stainless steel section wraps around the back and side of the cooktop, shielding its contents from view.

The space between the refrigerator and the china closet, which is behind the island, does double-duty as a personal gallery: display niches showcase artwork and craft pieces, while a stainless steel shelf becomes a pedestal for vases. A pair of rectangular lighting fixtures whose sandblasted glass shades match the fronts of the storage cabinets complete the vignette.

Because the kitchen is so connected to the public spaces of the house, its decor has to complement those areas. To maintain the polished living room look, the refrigerator and the freezer drawers on the island are paneled in the same espresso-stained rift-cut oak as the cabinets. Underfoot, blond maple flooring ties it all together.

In the end, the kitchen is a pleasure to use, whether it's under the hectic conditions of feeding a gaggle of kids on an afternoon play date ("Sometimes I feel like a short-order cook," says the mom) or hosting an evening soirée for grown-ups.




RIGHT: Walls came down and this kitchen opened up. Visitors are free to eddy around the central island or congregate in the adjoining dining and living areas.

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**OPPOSITE: Guests seated at the dining table are spared the sight of drippy pans on the cooktop, thanks to a low backsplash on the island. Note the built-in steamer just to the left of the grates.**

# *design* points

## SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

Despite its sophisticated appearance, this kitchen was laid out as a family-friendly space. Having a household full of youngsters inspired several design decisions:

**A GOOD WOOD** The cabinets are constructed of oak, a durable hardwood, and finished in a deep, dirt-disguising espresso color.

**COUNTER POINT** Caesarstone, a quartz-based material which doesn't stain and holds up under a lot of wear and tear, is used to top the workspace of the kitchen island.

**STAIN BANE** The benches surrounding the island are upholstered in a microfiber fabric, which is washable.

**HANDS OFF** The stainless steel perimeter counters have a matte-finish pattern that obscures any stray little fingerprints.

**TOO HIGH TO HANDLE** Breakable items and seldom used equipment are placed in top shelves, reachable only by climbing a rolling library ladder. ◆

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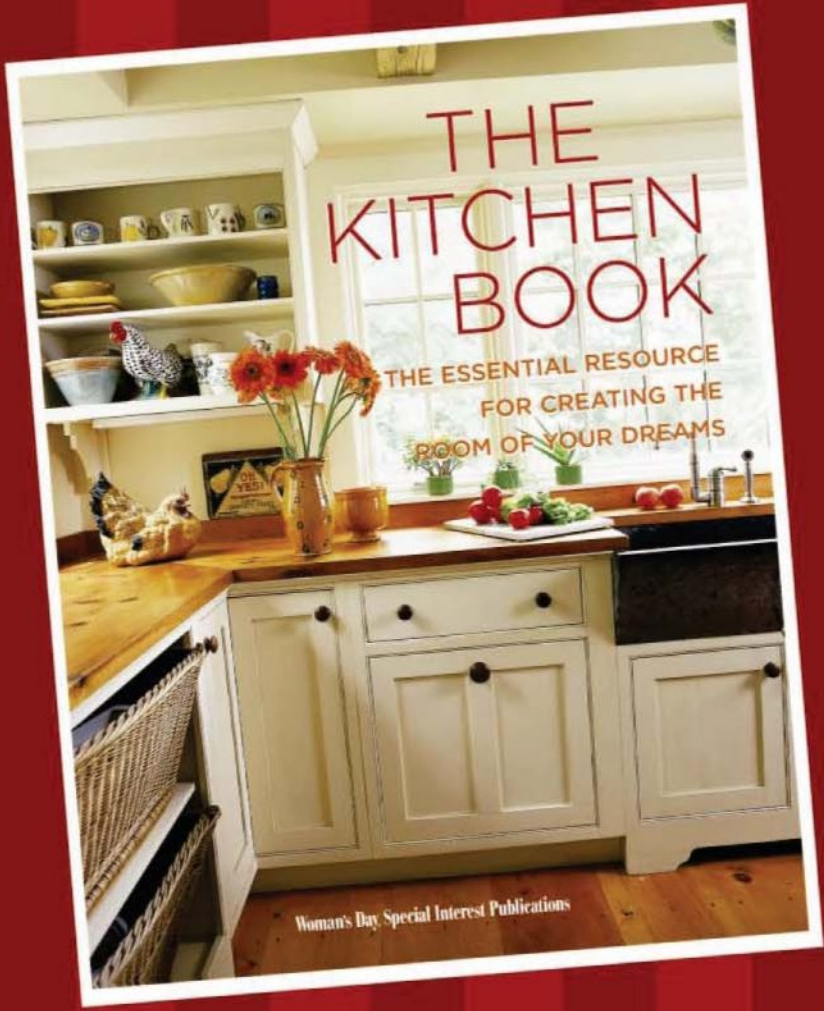


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# baths

From classic luxury to trendy flourishes, these baths sparkle with personality.

While the window may command attention at first glance, the sculpted ceiling in this space plays an equally important visual role. Coffers and exaggerated cornice treatments give the room a bold geometry that's a surprise to find in a bathroom.

# SUITE

## A SUMPTUOUS BATH



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# TREAT

## WITH A SOUTHERN FLAIR

**WRITTEN BY NANCY A. RUHLING**
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**STYLED BY DAN PASKY**

The understated two-color scheme of the room works to emphasize the simplicity—as well as the spaciousness—of the shower.

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The couple, ardent spa-goers who winter in Florida, wanted to bring the warmth of the Sunshine State to their Westchester County, New York, master bath.

"We were set on a look that was light and airy, fresh and colorful," the husband says. "And we wanted a style that was transitional—something that was neither too modern nor too traditional."

For the 400-square-foot his-and-her bathroom, Merrick Kitchen & Bath, of Merrick, New York, relied on the cabinets to create a spalike space that takes its design cues from the classic Florida sunroom. "The interior architecture was our guide," says Donny Crichton, owner of the firm. "The ceilings are coffered and the walls step back in places, so we had to create very intricate cabinetry to fit the space. In addition, the sinks bump out, so the whole room has an in-and-out movement to it; it's not static and boring."

The focal point of the first-floor bath is the large bank of arched windows that showcase the deep soaking tub. The sunny, pale-yellow maple cabinetry, which has unique louvered doors, was designed to complement the white shutters that cover the lower windows. "It took us 10 tries to get the cabinet color right," Crichton says. "The effect is breathtaking, definitely a wow."

When the sun spills in, it magnifies the space. Its glow is reflected in the sunny colors, including the pale gold walls and the vanilla onyx of the countertops and built-for-two shower. The warmth of its rays is enhanced by the honey-color basketweave onyx floor, where a radiant heating system keeps toes toasty. "We have so much room, it's almost like having two separate rooms," the husband

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## GETAWAY AT HOME

The carefree yet elegant atmosphere cultured in this bathroom was inspired by top-tier spas in Florida. Here are a few design details that are key to achieving the look:

**STYLISH SLATS** Plantation shutters shield the main window; their distinctive louvers are also found in the cabinet door fronts.

**WARMING TREND** A palette of sunny colors, including yellows, golds and whites, evokes Miami.

**SEE THE SEA** A pair of circular windows makes an allusion to boat portholes.

LEFT: Staggering the heights of the counters not only breaks up the monotony of a single horizontal band around the room, it also subtly differentiates the functions of each area of the vanity.

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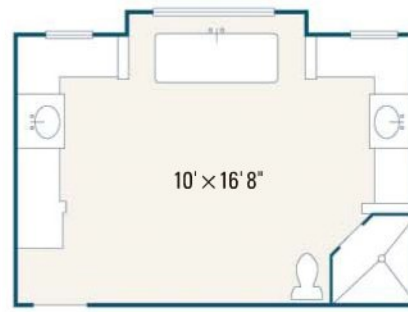


ABOVE: In a bath this spacious, there's no bump-and-run maneuvers in the morning. Husband and wife each enjoy their own extensive vanity areas on opposite sides of the room.

says. "Our sinks are at opposite ends of the bath, and we each have a TV, but even if we are listening at the same time, we can't hear the other set."

The space is large, but it is designed so that essentials are close at hand day and night: A corridor that connects the bath to the master bedroom features a sink, coffee maker and mini-refrigerator fully stocked with bottled water, juice and wine.

Dainty sconces with silk shades and a stunning art-glass chandelier complete the scene, turning the room into an elegant oasis. "I'm a shower guy, and I don't like to linger," the husband says. "The shower doesn't have a lot of gadgets or body sprays, but it does look beautiful." As for his partner's preference, it tends more toward the sybaritic. "At the end of the day, my wife likes to take a long, leisurely soak in the tub." ◆

A large double vanity with square basins takes center stage in this quirky bath. Personality abounds in the mismatched mirrors, the pendant lights and beyond.



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A DESIGNER WITH ECLECTIC TASTE GIVES HER OWN BATH A UNIQUE APPEAL

# NEW-FANGLED CHARM

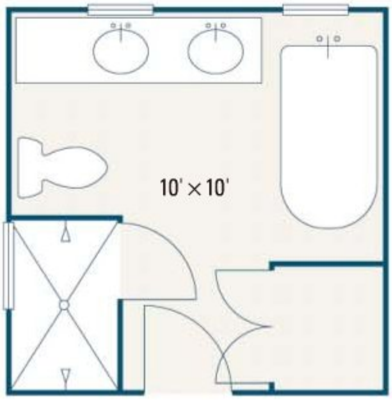
**WRITTEN BY THERESA MCTAMMANY**
**PHOTOGRAPHS BY SAM GRAY**
**STYLED BY BETH WICKWIRE**

At first glance, Jane Seifert's master bath gives off vintage vibes. That is, until you spy a remote-control unit resting next to an antique shaving-brush holder or the flat-screen TV discreetly mounted beside the sink. According to Jane, the most charming bathrooms combine old-fashioned features with user-friendly materials and conveniences. It's a sentiment she wisely subscribed to when undertaking her own project: refurbishing the century-old cottage she shares with husband Michael Curley and daughter Grace on Boston's North Shore.

**ABOVE: The two-headed shower has a floor covered with chips of Carrara marble. A narrow ledge provides a resting place for toiletries or a foot when washing or shaving a leg.**

**OPPOSITE: Placing the antique-style "telephone" fitting on the side of the tub—rather than at the end—guarantees no irksome head bumps during a relaxing soak.**

**BELOW: The room is long on personality and, more importantly, long on space, with room for a double-wide vanity and separate tub and shower areas.**




"I wanted a vintage look with a modern edge," Jane says. She took the 10×10-foot room down to the studs, then reworked the layout, placing fixtures along perimeter walls to net space for a furniturelike vanity with his-and-hers grooming stations, a walk-in shower, separate soaking tub, toilet area and concealed washer/dryer unit. "We kept the footprint of the room, but changed everything else," she says.

While a subtle white-on-white palette suggests understated design, the room is full of surprises. The undisputed star is a double vanity that incorporates a problematic window, deliberately mismatched mirrors and a pair of unusual square basins Jane spied while scouting parts at a local plumbing supply store. "I knew I wanted a piece of furniture in the room," she says of the custom-built unit, which also provides plenty of storage. Despite obvious touches of luxury, "not everything has to match or be expensive," says Jane, whose sleuthing excursions are more apt to yield some quirky object or whimsical pairing that contributes to the room's charm and pleasing incongruity.

As expected, texture takes on important role. Pale green walls the color of surf-pounded beach glass complement the all-white scheme. Creamy white subway tiles and a honeycomb-patterned tile floor grouted in a practical dirt-disguising gray hint of the past, yet are extremely hard wearing—an important consideration for a house so close to the sea. "I liked the crisp contrast of the gray Carrara marble against the white-tiled floor and brushed chrome fixtures," Jane says of her choices.

A pair of windows admits welcome sea breezes and lend an open and airy feeling to the intimate space. A freestanding rolled-edged tub is strategically situated to allow the occupant to truly relax and enjoy the outdoor view. The elegant telephone-style fittings are mounted along the back wall, "so the tub spout doesn't poke you," Jane says. Above the tub, an expansive mirror of salvaged tin magnifies light, visually doubling the space.

Jane splurged on the dressy treatment for the shower floor: tiny chips clipped from a slab of Carrara marble. She conceded the impact was worth it. In fact, she admits that she loves everything about the elegant, well-edited space. "It's beautiful, peaceful, clean and well-designed," she says. "I wouldn't change one thing." ◆

FLOOR PLAN: STEVEN STANKIEWICZ

## *design* points

### CHARACTER STUDIES

This bath favors an endearing style that recalls mid-20th-century urban dwellings—a sort of "retropolitan" look. Here are a few key characteristics:

**TRY TO BE NEUTRAL** Notice that permanent fixtures tend to be white or gray. In previous eras, as today, that made the house easier to sell, because who doesn't like white?

**ADOPT AN ACCENT** The place to take a chance on color was with paint, usually on half a wall, as in this bath. Where these walls are green, however, they would more likely have been pink 50 years ago.

**HONEYCOMB HIDEOUT** Bathroom floors covered in 1-inch square tiles or a honeycomb of hexagons definitely evoke a time pre-NASA. That's because prior to today's alternatives, ceramic tile was a durable, water-resistant alternative to hardwood flooring—and it still is.

Glass tile dominates this bath's floor and walls, in a wide array of sizes and colors. Large squares in three shades of green adorn the shower wall and tub surround.

THE COOL HUES OF WATER SET THE TONE IN THIS BATH

# LIQUID ASSETS

WRITTEN BY NANCY A. RUHLING
PHOTOGRAPHS BY KEN GUTMAKER
STYLED BY LINDA POPE

from the abstract pattern of the tile lining the shower stall to the tall wall niches filled with vases of fresh-cut flowers, the bathroom that belongs to Kate Stankis and Mary Ann Rafferty was designed to be a work of art.

Passionate collectors of contemporary art, Kate and Mary Ann wanted to turn the 121-square-foot master bath in their 1960s split-level ranch in Oakland, California, into a gallery-worthy experience. For this, the couple turned to San Francisco–based interior designer Susan Templer, of Templer Interiors.

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**LEFT: One-inch tiles cover the floor and baseboard. A multicolored treatment around the window ties in with the mosaic band that visually binds the tub and shower areas.**

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**ABOVE: The bath's layout is fairly straightforward. The homeowners are fortunate enough to have room for a separate tub and shower, both of which sit on a short riser.**

To that end, the designer treated the space like a blank canvas, composing the "picture" using eight sizes of glass tile, squares ranging from one-inch to 12-inch, arranged in a bold manner à la the artist Piet Mondrian. The different dimensions give a variety of effects: In the shower, big boogie-woogie blocks make a striking statement, while the window gets a dainty treatment of tiny tesserae. Tiled baseboards create continuity throughout the elongated 12'6"×9'8" space.

Getting all the pieces to fit was tricky. "The tile layout was challenging because we had to do detailed mathematical calculations to get it right," Templer says.

"The look of the room," she adds, "all stems from the changes in color, size and direction of the tile." The color scheme, reminiscent of sky and sea, was chosen to bring a serene and natural feel to the space. It centers on a trio of greens—Cactus, Raffia and Olive—plus a neutral hue, called Cameo. "We find water very soothing," Kate says. "And we both like water activities, particularly fly-fishing."



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The yellow in the natural maple cabinets helps punch up the green tiles. The mod, funky hardware and lights add an extra dimension of personality.

Tile running up the wall from the floor in a continuous stream playfully meets the cabinets, integrating them into the design scheme. The tile's installation pattern is echoed in the beveled slab doors of the natural maple cabinets, which are mounted on the wall a few inches from the floor to give the vanity a floating feeling. A pair of inset, mirror-fronted medicine cabinets sit above the matching vanities.

Art aside, Kate, a Web designer, and Mary Anne, a biotech consultant, revel in the tranquility of their special space, which they say is reminiscent of a landscape painting in progress. "Seeing a bouquet of flowers in one of the wall niches is a nice start to the day," Kate says. "At night, it's just like a kiss on the forehead." Incidentally, the master bath has turned out to be a great place to grow orchids. "I usually have a half dozen of them set around the air-jet tub," says Kate. "The dendrobiums do the best." ◆

ABOVE: The tall inset wall niche visually echoes the two mirrored medicine cabinets, both of which are also set into the wall. One of the owners says seeing flowers in the niche really makes her day.

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### HIP TO BE RECTANGULAR

The Dutch painter Piet Mondrian blazed a mighty path with his modular, rectangle-dominated paintings. His work greatly influenced magazine layout, for starters. And as this bath amply demonstrates, Mondrian left quite a mark on the design of residential spaces. Just check out these modest modular elements:

**NICHE PHILOSOPHY** The gaps between wall studs provide numerous opportunities to add rectangular niches, either for decorative or storage purposes (right).

**SHOWER SHOW** The shower is a perfect place for a niche, and this one (below, right) even has shelves. Not only is the niche itself a long rectangle, but it's both lined and framed with glass tiles, all of which helps the space percolate visually. The same holds true for the horizontal niche (right).

**LITTLE THINGS** The globe lights aren't exactly Mondrian-esque (below, left), but the square bases qualify, especially juxtaposed with the large maple panel and the medicine cabinet. They punctuate and enliven otherwise dead wall space.

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